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Letter dated 17 January 1995 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i.
of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit, enclosed herewith, a letter from His Excellency Dr. Radoje Kontic, Prime Minister of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, addressed to you (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under the item entitled "The situation in the occupied territories of Croatia", and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Dragomir DJOKIĆ
Ambassador
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

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ANNEX

Letter dated 17 January 1995 from the Prime Minister of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia to the Secretary-General

The letter dated 12 January 1995 from President Tudjman addressed to you (A/50/64-S/1995/28) has caused the grave concern of the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia over the decision of the Croatian authorities not to renew the mandate of the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) after 31 March 1995. This unilateral decision is contrary to the positive results achieved in the past negotiations between the legitimate representatives of Knin and Zagreb. This decision threatens the peace process and can lead to the escalation of tensions and uncertainty, which is not favourable to the negotiating climate.

The Government of Yugoslavia would like to recall that UNPROFOR was sent to the United Nations Protected Areas (UNPAs) to protect personal security and maintain peace, and wishes to point out that these reasons continue to exist. The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia assesses positively the past activities of UNPROFOR in the preservation of peace, and considers that its presence is still necessary.

The Government of Yugoslavia appeals to the United Nations to call on Croatia to re-examine its decision in accordance with the previous formal assurances that UNPROFOR would remain as long as there was danger to the security of people and peace, and that the world Organization would decide independently and on the basis of merit on the duration of the UNPROFOR mandate.

The Government of Yugoslavia emphasizes once again that the problems of the crisis in former Yugoslavia can be solved successfully only through negotiations and peacefully. Therefore, we have always supported the affirmation of the negotiating process and the unavoidable role of the United Nations. This role includes also the presence of UNPROFOR in the regions of possible military conflicts.

I take this opportunity to express our full support for your efforts to find a just solution and lasting peace in the former Yugoslavia.

(Signed) Radoje KONTIĆ
Prime Minister of the
Federal Republic of Yugoslavia